WILLIAM L. SCOTT
VIRGINIA

P770009-0988

COMMITTEES
ARMED SERVICES
JUDICIARY

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

January 13, 1977

37

ACTION
is assigned to
EA

The Honorable Henry Kissinger
Secretary of State
Department of State
Washington, D. C. 20520

Dear Mr. Secretary:

The enclosed letter from my constituent, Mr. James Atwood, of Grace Presbyterian Church, Springfield, Virginia, is self-explanatory.

It would be appreciated if you would please forward your comment and reply regarding the arrest and imprisonment of a group of prominent political, religious and academic leaders in the Republic of Korea, in particular, Kim Dae Jung and Moon Dong-Whan, so that I may respond to Mr. Atwood's concern about the issue of human rights in Korea.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

William L. Scott

William L. Scott, U. S. S.

WLS:nls

Enclosure

DOCUMENT ANALYSIS

77 JAN 19 AM 9 24

RECEIVED

DEPARTMENT OF STATE A/GDC/MR

REVIEWED BY HT DATE 8/18/82

RDS ☐ or XDS ☐ EXT. DATE

TS AUTH. REASON (S)

ENDORSE EXISTING MARKINGS ☐

DECLASSIFIED ☐ RELEASABLE ☒

RELEASE DENIED ☐

FA or FOI EXEMPTIONS

Grace Presbyterian Church
GRACE AND BATH STREETS
SPRINGFIELD, VIRGINIA 22150
OFFICE PHONE: 451-2800

MINISTERS: JAMES E. ATWOOD
GEORGE E. TAYLOR

December 8, 1976

The Honorable William L. Scott
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Mr. Scott:

I am writing you with regard to the group of highly respected and prominent political, religious and academic leaders in the Republic of Korea who were sentenced to long prison terms for their role in connection with a statement which called for the restoration of democracy in their land. As you may know, they were sentenced to terms of 2 to 8 years plus a loss of citizenship. Already eleven of these leaders are in jail, in solitary confinement.

I am especially concerned about the situation of Kim Dae Jung and Moon, Dong-Whan. As my senator, would you make inquiry about their situation, prospects for the future, and let me know what you can learn? (I'm assuming that you will go to places other than the South Korean government.)

I will be anticipating your response as soon as possible and appreciate very much your concern for issues of human rights in Korea.

Sincerely,

James E. Atwood

James E. Atwood
JEA:ea